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SUBJ: KENYAN-ETHIOPIAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROVIDED COPY OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED
AT CLOSE OF VISIT OF KENYAN DELEGATION TO ETHIOPIA, 29 MARCH -
APRIL 2, 1978. FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE WILL BE SENT IN BY
AIRGRAM.

2. COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS TRADITIONAL ETHIOPIAN/KENYAN LINE ON
CONFLICT IN HORN AND INSISTS THAT IN ORDER FOR GENUINE PEACE TO
BE REESTABLISHED, SOMALIA MUST

-- RENOUNCE ALL TERRITORIAL CLAIMS;

-- DECLARE ITS ACCEPTANCE OF ALL UN AND OAU PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING INTERSTATE RELATIONS, INCLUDING NON-
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES;

-- OBSERVE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF
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NON-USE OF FORCE IN SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES;

-- PAY PROMPT AND ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR WAR DAMAGES
SUFFERED BY EHTIOPIA.

3. COMMUNIQUE GOES ON TO SAY THAT, "BOTH SIDES AGREE THAT
NON-ACCEPTANCE BY SOMALIA FO THESE CONDITIONS WOULD MEAN THE

INDEFINITE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING STATE OF WAR IN THE
HORN OF AFRICA."

4. IN RELATION TO US POLICY, MOST IMPORTANT WAS DECLARATION
THAT, "BOTH PARTIES THEREFORE AGREED TO CONSIDER AS AN UNFIENDLY
ACT ANY PROVISION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO SOMALIA DIRECTLY,
INDIRECTLY, OR COVERTLY BEFORE SOMALIA ACCEPTS THE CONDITIONS
OUTLINED ABOVE."

5. COMMENT: RECOGNIZING THAT THE PAYMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANT
WAR REPARATIONS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT,
KENYANS WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO OVERLOOK NON-FULFILLMENT
OF THIS CONDITION. WE SUSPECT THAT THE SENIOR POLICY MAKERS IN
THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT WAIYAKI COMMITMENT TO HOLD
THE SOMALIS TO THE OTHER THREE CONDITIONS, PARTICULARLY THAT OF
RENUNCIATION OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS, BEFORE KENYA-SOMALIA
RELATIONS CAN BE NORMALIZED AND BEFORE KENYA WOULD ACCEPT THE
PROVISION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, EVEN "DEFENSIVE", TO SOMALIA.
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